

Applicants: RAVI, Ashoke et al.
Serial Number: 10/608,128

Assignee: Intel Corporation
Attorney Docket: P-5782-US

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the Office Action. This paper is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection and objection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19 are pending in the Application.

Amendments to the Specification

The Title has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error, by replacing the misspelled word "oscilattor" with the correctly-spelled word "oscillator".

No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7-8 and 15-17 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,639,481 to Ravi et al. ("the '481 patent").

According to 35 USC §102(e), "A person shall be entitled to a patent unless . . . the invention was described in . . . a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent".

The two co-inventors of the '481 patent are the same persons who are the two co-inventors of the present application, namely, Ashoke Ravi and Krishnamurthy Sourmyanath. Therefore, the '481 patent is not "a patent granted on an application for patent by another", as required by 35 USC §102(e). Accordingly, the '481 patent cannot be used by the Examiner as a prior art reference, alone or in combination with other references, to reject any of the claims of the present application.

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In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-8 and 15-17 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by the '481 patent be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 4 and 18 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '481 patent in view of United States Patent Number 6,239,661 to Ali ("Ali").

As detailed above, the '481 patent cannot be used by the Examiner as a prior art reference, alone or in combination with other references, to reject any of the claims of the present application.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 4 and 18 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '481 patent in view of Ali be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 11 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '481 patent in view of United States Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0266356 Javor ("Javor").

As detailed above, the '481 patent cannot be used by the Examiner as a prior art reference, alone or in combination with other references, to reject any of the claims of the present application.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 9 and 11 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '481 patent in view of Javor be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '481 patent in view of Javor and Ali.

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In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 12 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the '481 patent in view of Javor and Ali be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 5, 6, 13, 14 and 19, and the Examiner's indication that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

However, in view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 5, 6, 13, 14 and 19 are patentable, and thus allowable, in their present dependent form.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, and for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-19 are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

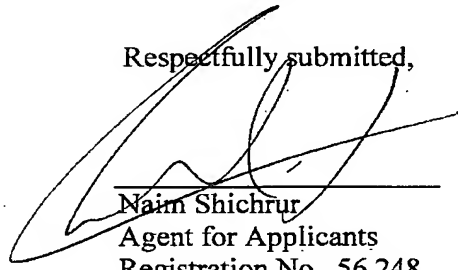
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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